where they cannot be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the people. The cases we see here are, most of them, burnt out cases. Although these lepers are dis-figured and ugly to look at, no infection is caused by them. They are not contagious.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Is the Chief Medical Officer convinced, that there are no cases of lepers other than burnt out cases, wandering through our streets?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): I say that most of the lepers that we see are burnt out cases. There may also be cases of contagious lepers. What we generally do is we send them to the Leper Asylum as far as the accommodation there permits.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews—Nominated*): Is there any special reason for these lepers to collect before the Ernakulam Archbishop's House and before the Malabar Mail Office?

Dr A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): These are charitable institutions and they go there, because they may get something from there.

REVENUE COLLECTION ON LANDS RENDERED UNFIT FOR CULTIVATION—STOPPING OF.

160. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that on account of the heavy flood of 1099 much land in Pallur Village in Talappalli Taluk has been rendered unfit for cultivation;

(*b*) has it been brought to the notice of the Government that these are lands originally used for double crops cultivation;

(*c*) has the Government noticed that land revenue is being collected every year for these lands without any consideration to the havoc and loss caused to the ryots;

(*d*) will the Government be pleased to state whether this fact has not been brought to the notice of the Government before;

(*e*) will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter once more and stop the practice of collecting revenue from places rendered unfit for cultivation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*):

(*a*) Only an extent of 56·54 acres was rendered unfit for cultivation

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(*b*) Of the above extent an area of 11·09 acres is registered as double crop Nilom.

(*c*) Land revenue is being collected under the rules.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Final orders have been passed by Government on 17th January 1937. The registered holders cannot both keep the lands and escape payment of tax.

UNEMPLOYED SURVEY TRAINED HANDS—INFORMATION REGARDING.

161. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many persons are there still unemployed who had their survey training before 1104;

(*b*) who are those persons;

(*c*) has the Diwan Peishkar seen a copy of the resolution passed on 10th Chingam 1114 by the Melur Sree Narayana Vijaya Sabha requesting that the case of a particular Ezhuva young man may be favourably considered?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*):

(*a*) and (*b*) No information.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): With reference to (*c*), is the Ezhuva young man the only qualified man from that community? What is the objection to appoint him?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): If he is a qualified man, I shall consider his case when a suitable vacancy occurs.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I am told that he has passed the Survey Examination even at the time when Kasturi Renga Ayyar was the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): If it is so, I shall consider his case.

SURVEY EXAMINATION—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

162. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Diwan Peishkar held recently a Survey Examination for candidates aspiring for the posts of Parvathiakarans;

(*b*) if so, was public notice of this examination given;

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